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For: SOFT MAGNETIC MATERIAL AND
POWDER MAGNETIC CORE (as amended)

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	BB	JP-2003-510460-A	03-18-2003	ROBERT BOSCH GMBH	Corresponds to Citation No. AA
	BC	JP-2001-358005-A	12-26-2001	DAIDO STEEL CO LTD	Abstract Attached
	BD	JP-07-245209-A	09-19-1995	TDK CORP	Abstract Attached
	BE	JP-2003-526693-A	09-09-2003	HOEGANAES CORPORATION	Corresponds to Citation No. AB
	BF	JP-2002-217015-A	08-02-2002	KAWASAKI STEEL CORP	Abstract Attached
	BG	JP-08-100203-A	04-16-1996	QUEBEC METAL POWDERS LTD	Abstract Attached
	BH	JP-09-104902-A	04-22-1997	SHIN ETSU CHEM CO LTD	Abstract Attached
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	BK	JP-07-254522-A	10-03-1995	TDK CORP	Abstract Attached
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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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